

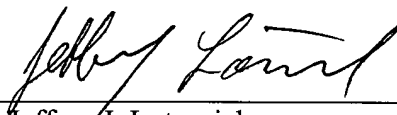
REMARKS

First of all, there are both method and apparatus claims in this application. Each claim stands on its own; attributes of apparatus claims should not be imputed to method claims, and vice versa. Applicant further notes that the Examiner's Statement presents the claimed invention in terms which are neither reproduced, *verbatim*, from the claims, nor consistent with the language cited in the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable for, and should be construed in accordance with, their respective recitation. To the extent that the language employed in the Examiner's Statement is not a direct quotation from the claims, Applicant submits that the Statement should not be construed in any limiting sense with respect to the scope of the terms used in the claims themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

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